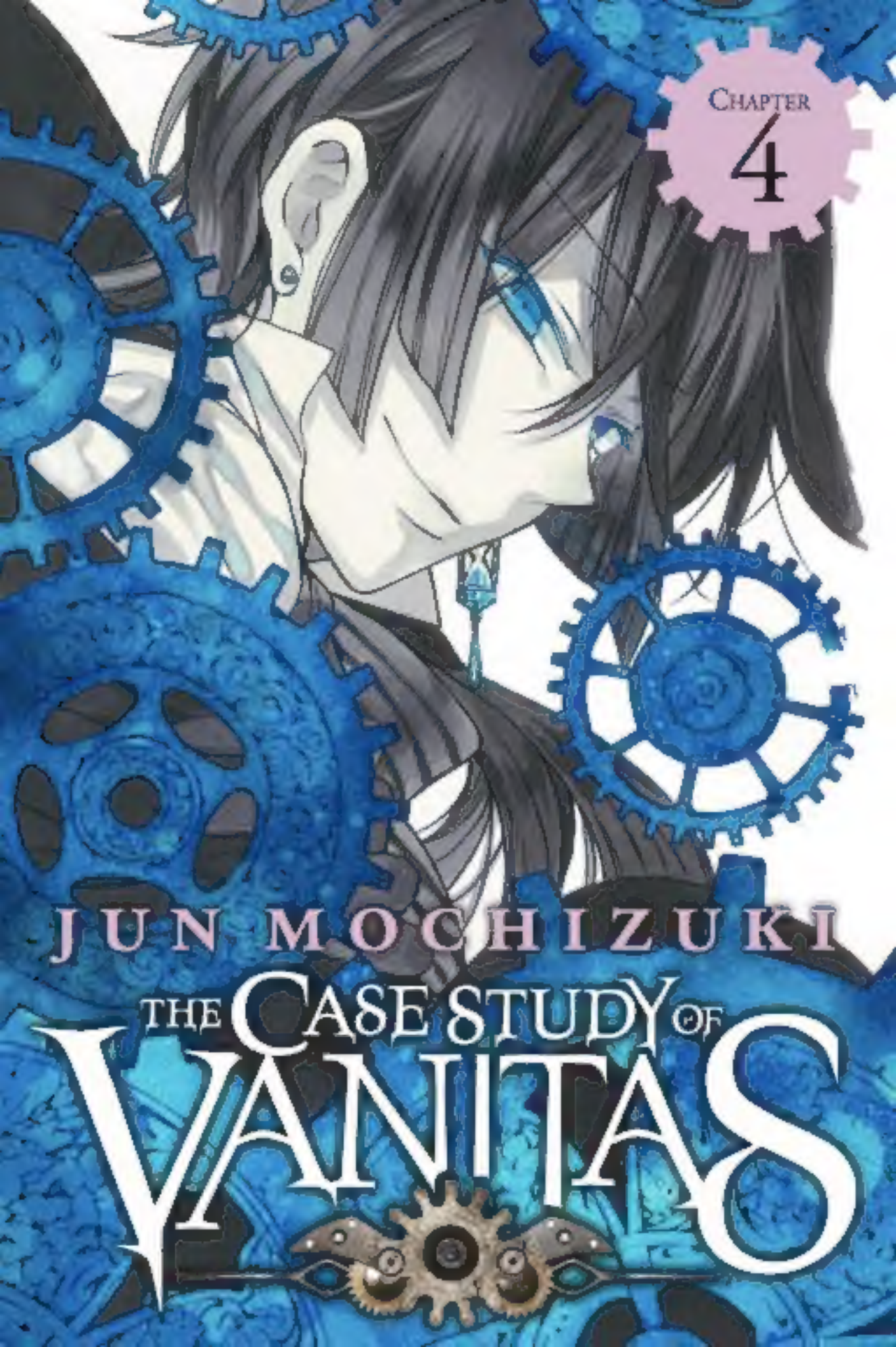




CHAPTER

4

JUN MOCHIZUKI

THE CASE STUDY OF

VANITAS

SHE WAS
OBVIOUSLY
WORRIED
ABOUT YOU
BECAUSE OF
ALL YOUR
IDIOTIC
STUNTS!

SHE
SAID TO
LET HER
HELP, SO
I LET HER
TAKE THE
JOB,
THAT'S
ALL.

WHADDAYA
MEAN,
"WHAT"?

WHAAAT!?
YOU SET
RICHE
TRAILING
A CURSE-
BEARER!?

WHAT IN
HEAVEN'S
NAME
WERE
YOU
THINKING
!?

Explosion



SHUT
UP, YOU
IMBECILE!

...TALK
ABOUT
OVER-
PROTECTIVE,
LET HER
TAKE
CARE OF
HERSELF.

TCB



OOOOH,
RICHEEEE!
PLEASE
BE ALL
RIGHT!

THIS
IS WHY
I CAN'T
STAND
BRUTES
WHO DON'T
UNDERSTAND
A GIRL'S
FEELINGS!!





JUN MOCHIZUKI
THE CASE STUDY OF
VANITAS
Memento & Loco FEMME FATALE

JEANNE
...



DON'T!!

MAY I
THROW
YOU
BACK!?

NICE
CATCH,
NOB!

W H O A !



WHERE
IS
VANITAS
...!!?



WHERE
DID HE
GO!?



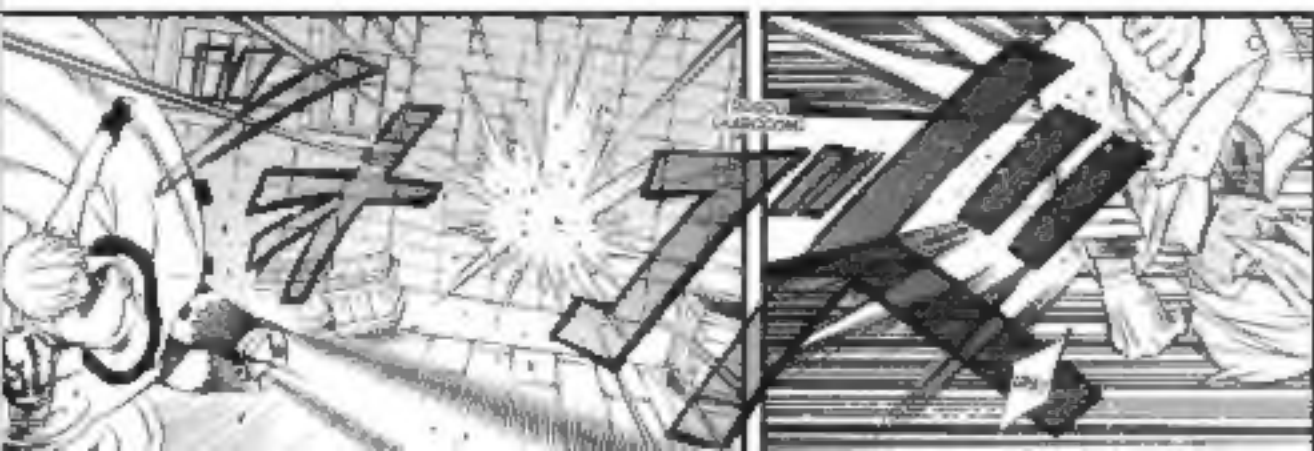
RIGHT
HERE!!



WHOA
!?









NOW...
LET'S
SEE.





HE
SAID YOU
WERE SO
BEAUTIFUL
IT MADE HIM
SHUDDER.



...WHO
RACED OVER
BATTLEFIELDS,
MERCILESSLY
ROUTING HER
OWN KIND—

...THE
YOUNG
WARRIOR
MAIDEN...



WHEN I HEARD
LORD RUTHVEN
HAD AWAKENED
YOU AFTER ALL
THIS TIME, I WAS
THRILLED, AND
YET...

AFTERWARD,
THEY PUT
YOU INTO
AN INDUCED
SLUMBER.



WHAT
ARE
YOU
TRYING
TO
SAY?



...I NEVER
IMAGINED
YOU'D HAVE
DEGENERATED
THIS MUCH!



"MASTER
LUCA'S
ORDERS"
...HM?



I
HAVEN'T
KILLED
HIM.

DON'T
WORRY.



...HMM.
FINISHED
NOE OFF
ALREADY,
DID YOU?



WHAT A
DISAP-
POINT-
MENT.



THE VAMPIRE OF
THE BLUE MOON
OFTEN TOLD ME
STORIES OF THE
"HELLFIRE
WITCH"...



I BELONG
TO THE
CLAN OF
THE BLUE
MOON
.....!

AND AS
ONE FROM
WHOM THAT
VAMPIRE
ONCE DRANK,
MY BODY
HAS BEEN
INVESTED
WITH A
PORTION OF
HIS POWER.

...HAD
HOPED
TO AVOID
USING
THIS
POWER
IF POSSI-
BLE.

I...



...OH,
THAT'S
RIGHT.
I HAVEN'T
INTRODUCED
MYSELF YET,
HAVE I?



MY
NAME IS
VANITAS.

I AM A
MERE HUMAN
WHO INHERITED
THE NAME AND
THE BOOK OF
VANITAS FROM
THE VAMPIRE
OF THE BLUE
MOON—



I'M
SAYING
I'M
TIRED OF
PLAYING
WITH
YOU.

!?





THE
NINE-
FOLD
MUR-
DERER
...!?





WHOA!

JUST
AS I
THOUGHT.



YEP!



IT
WAS ALL A
BLUFF TO
KEEP MY
ATTENTION
ON HIM. I?



LETTING GO OF
THE BOOK OF
VANITAS.

ACTING LIKE
HE WAS ABOUT
TO DO SOME
THING
GROFOWIN



HITTING
A WOMAN
RIGHT IN
THE GUT
WITHOUT A
HINT OF
MERCY.

USING
A CURSE-
BEARER
AS A PAWN,
THOUGH...
THAT'S.

HE WAS I SEE
BUYING
TIME UNTIL
THOMAS
BERNEUX'S
PARALYSIS
WORE
OFF.



WHAT A
JERK.



FIGHTING
MONSTERS
IS BEST
LEFT TO
OTHER
MONSTERS!





...LOUP-
GAROU,
WOLF WHO
HUNTS
CRIMSON.

MAL-
NOMEN
...

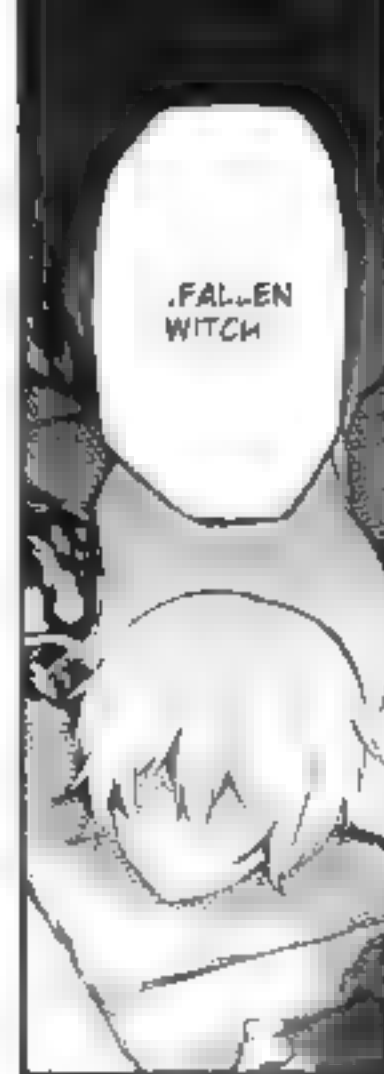


O
P
E
R
A
T
I
O
N
!!

LET'S
HAVE YOU
RETURN
THAT
MAN'S
TRUE
NAME!

COME!

I
N
I
T
I
A
T
E
!!



.FALLEN
WITCH



JUST
STAY QUIET
AND WATCH
FROM
THERE.



AS
IF I'D
REALLY
HAVE.

SUCH A
CONVENIENT
ACE UP MY
SLEEVE.



I'VE
KEPT YOU
WAITING,
NINE-FOLD
MURDERER.

NOW,
THEN.



YOUR HABIT
OF PROWLING
IN SEARCH
OF THE
LIFEBLOOD
OF YOUNG
WOMEN ON
MOONLIT
NIGHTS.



YOUR LUPINE
ANTHROPOLOGY.



IN-
CREDI-
BLE!



LOW
W. LUCY



WHAT?



I WAS
SUPPOSED
TO CURE
HIM IN
ORLOK'S
PRESENCE

THIS
GUY



OH
DRAT



WE WILL
TELL MASTER
PARKS WHAT
TOOK PLACE
HERE, JUST
AS WE SAW
IT

MY
SISTER
AND I
WATCHED
IT ALL,
AS COUNT
ORLOK'S
EYES



NO
NEED

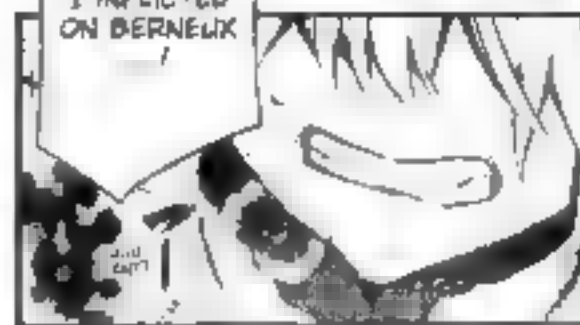
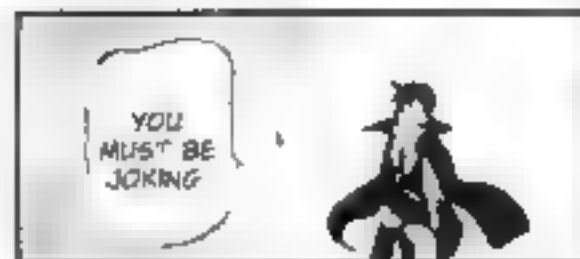


BUCOLICUS,
"HE WHO
COMPOSES
IDYLLS"!



SO
THAT'S
YOUR
TRUE
NAME,
IS IT?







LISTEN
HERE,
NOR.
COLLAR
THAT
LUCA KID
SOMEBODY.

THEY'RE
TOO FAR.
I CAN'T
TELL WHAT
THEY'RE
SAYING.



YOU
CATCH MY
MEANING,
DON'T
YOU. ?

ALL
RIGHT
HELLFIRE
WITCH.



YOU
CAN DO
THAT??

TO DO IT,
I'LL USE
THE BOOK OF
VANITAS TO
CREATE AN
AREA WHERE
VAMPIRES
CAN'T FIGHT.

YES.
HOWEVER, THE
POWER WOULD
PLACE A GREAT
BURDEN ON A
CHILD'S BODY.



I'M
ABOUT
TO OPEN
NEGOTIA-
TIONS
WITH THE
WITCH.

FOR THE
BOY'S
OWN
SAFETY.

COLLAR
HIM?
WHAT
FOR?



I-I
SEE?

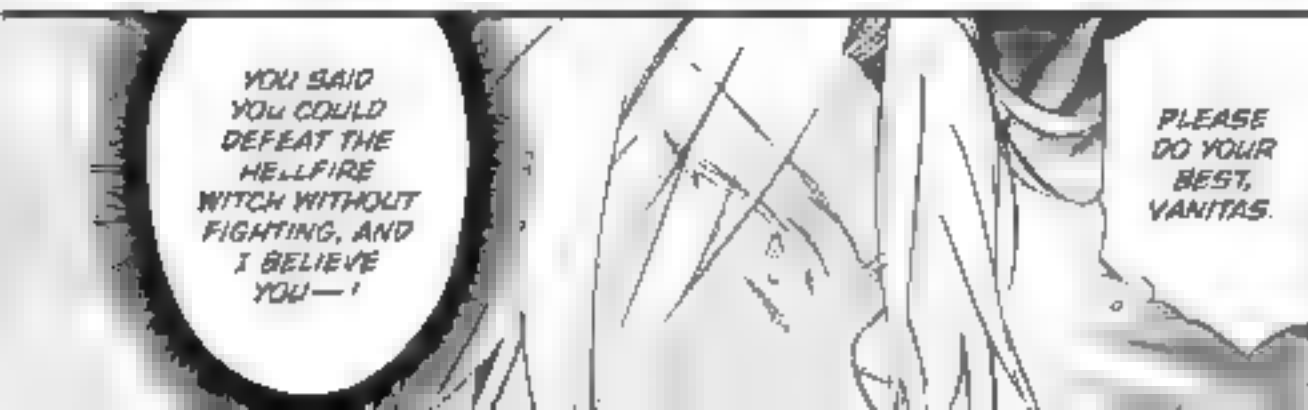
YOU MUSTN'T
DO THAT. THE
BOY HAS
A DUTY TO
WITNESS OUR
NEGOTIATIONS
TO THE END.

WHY
DON'T I
JUST TAKE
HIM OUT OF
THE AREA
THEN. ?

HUH?

DON'T
FORGET TO
COVER HIS
MOUTH AS
YOU WOULD
A HOSTAGE
USE NO

SO HOLD
THE BOY STILL
AND OBSERVE
THE SITUATION
FROM AS
FAR AWAY AS
POSSIBLE

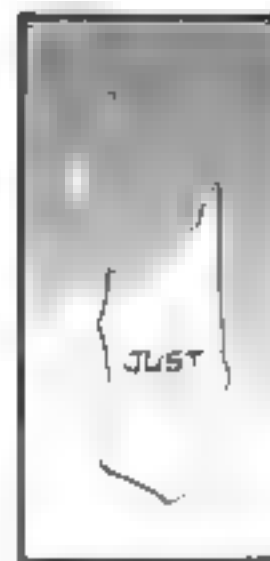


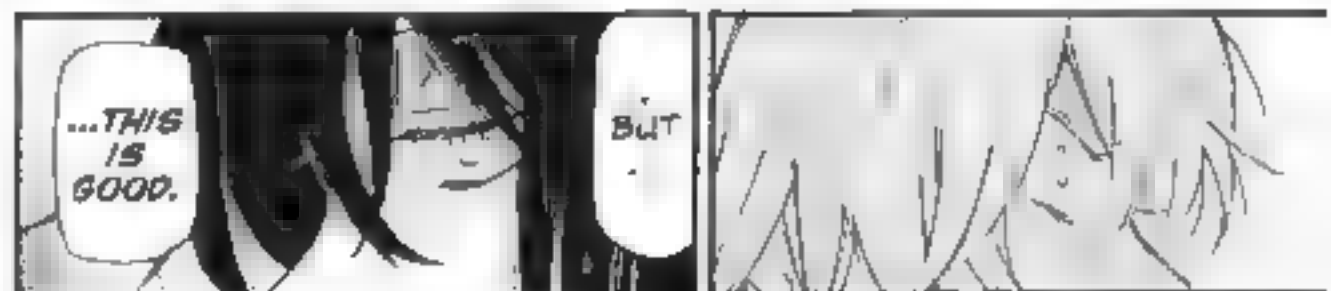
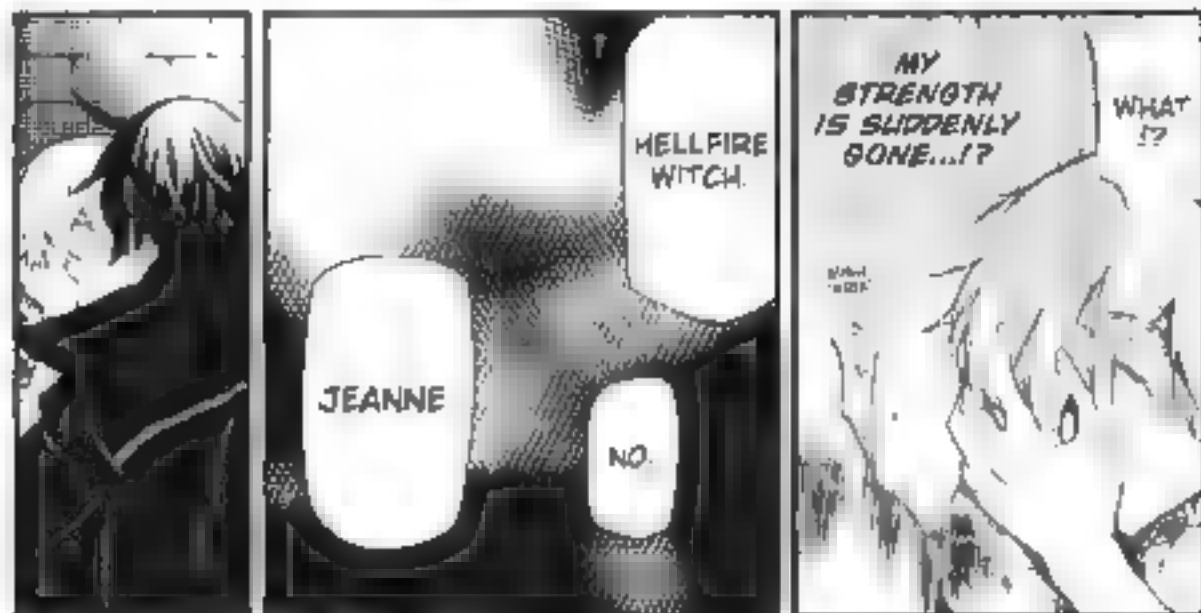
YOU SAID
YOU COULD
DEFEAT THE
HELLFIRE
WITCH WITHOUT
FIGHTING, AND
I BELIEVE
YOU—!

PLEASE
DO YOUR
BEST,
VANITAS.



THIS
GUY
REALLY
IS A
JERK...













ARE
YOU
NUTS
!!?



FROM
NOW
ON, I'LL
LOVE YOU
DEARLY.

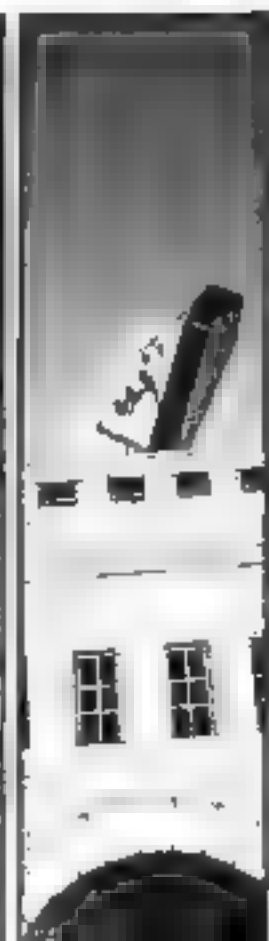
MARRY ME,
AND BE MINE
...!!

JEANNE.

I MUST
HAVE ALL
OF YOU.



I
LOVE
YOU
...!







MY TRUE
NAME IS
BACK TO
NORMAL
...!?

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ME
...!?



SHOULD
I
...?

I'VE
KILLED
PEOPLE.

ANYWAY,
I'VE
GOT TO
RUN.

I WON'T
GET OFF
EASY
IF THEY
TAKE ME
TO COUNT
ORLOK!



YOU...

SERIOUSLY.
WHAT ARE
YOU...?

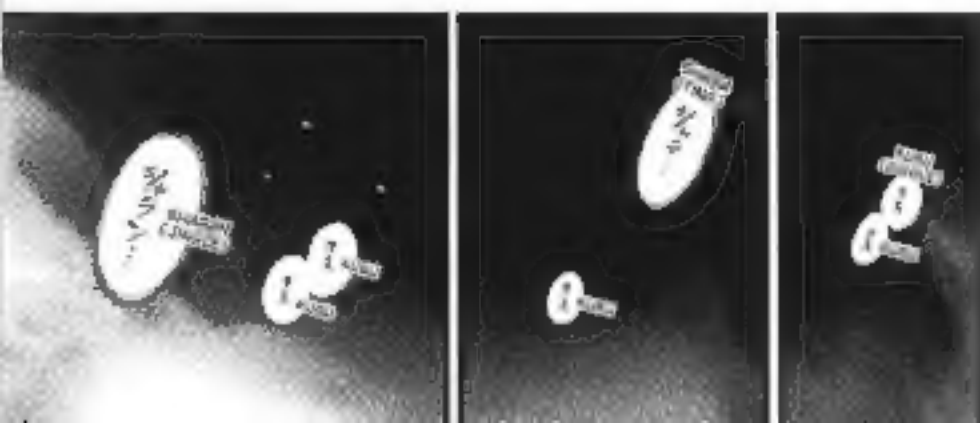


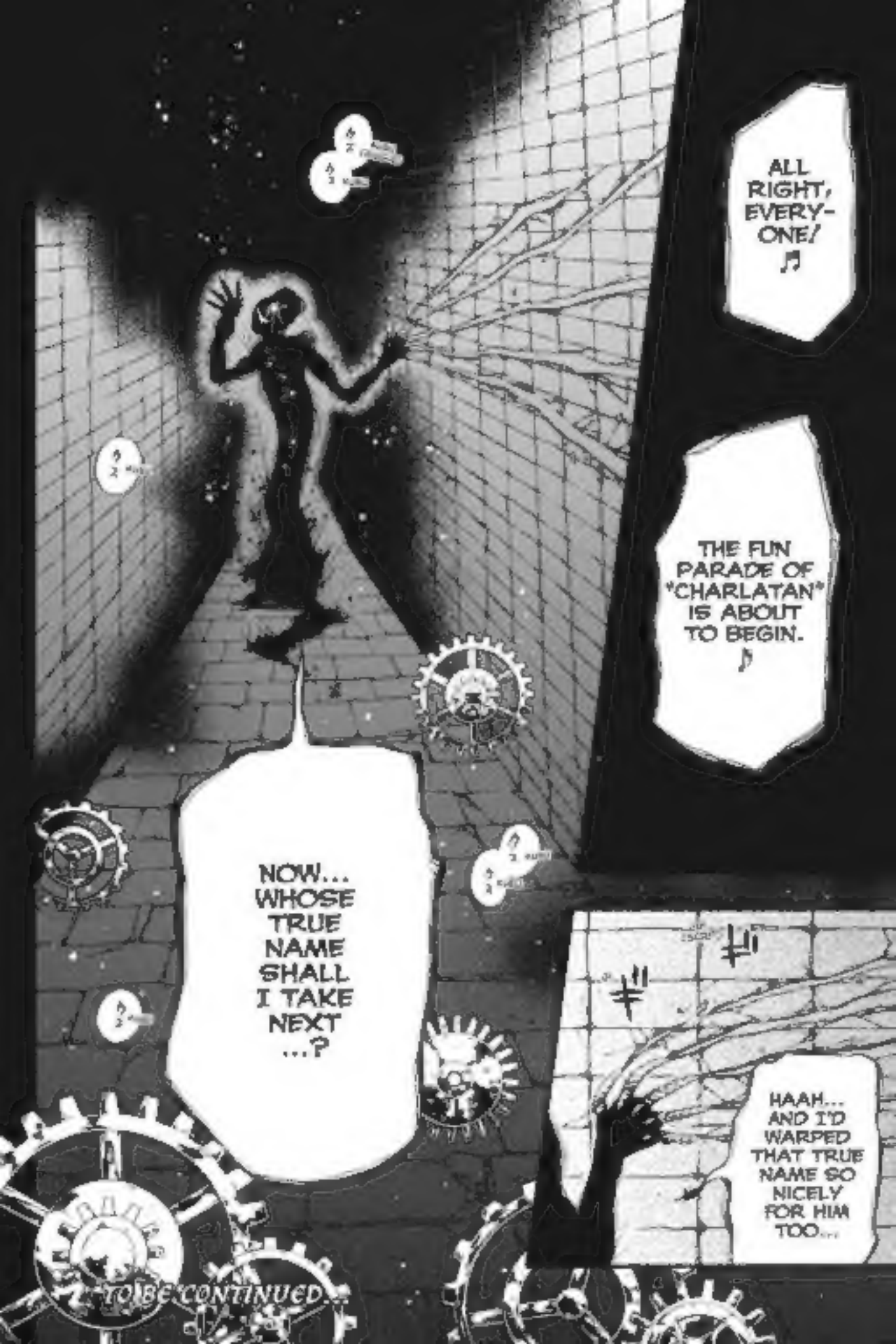
AAAAA



LOOKS LIKE
THINGS ARE
ABOUT TO GET
ENTERTAINING...

...NOË!





ALL
RIGHT,
EVERY-
ONE!



THE FUN
PARADE OF
"CHARLATAN"
IS ABOUT
TO BEGIN.



NOW...
WHOSE
TRUE
NAME
SHALL
I TAKE
NEXT
...?

HAAH...
AND I'D
WARPED
THAT TRUE
NAME SO
NICELY
FOR HIM
TOO...

TO BE CONTINUED...